



Laurance Haines
School

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HEADLINES

ENJOY, CARE, AIM HIGH AND SUCCEED TOGETHER

We are very proud to announce that Laurance Haines School is the first school in the country to achieve the National Nurturing School award. This is a two year programme that supports staff to embed a nurturing culture throughout the school. The children have designed their own posters to represent the programme's six principles of nurture. You can see Amelia's poster on this page.

We would like to extend our thanks to the children and staff for all of their hard work towards achieving this award. In addition, we would like to thank the children, parents governors and all the staff who were part of the assessment day last Friday. Helen Stollery, the assessor from the Nurturing Schools Programme gave us some very positive feedback. Here are some of her headlines:

- a magnificent day
- bowled over
- many, many strengths, the key strength being relationships
- children were delightful and all so proud of their school

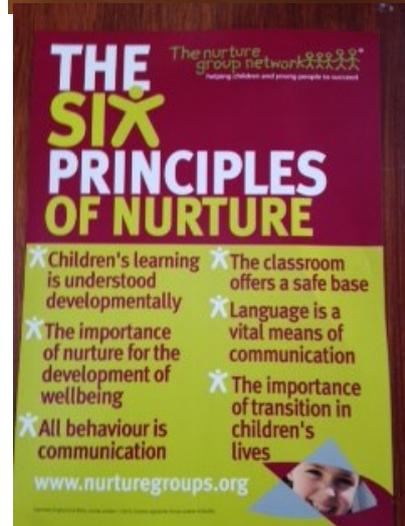
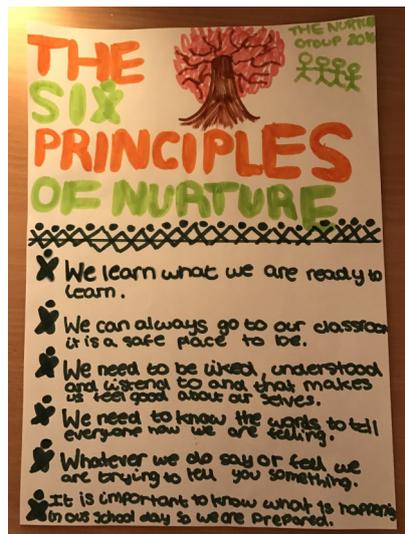
Miss Banks was invited recently to speak at four Newly Qualified Teacher conferences across Hertfordshire. Miss Banks is an experienced mentor to students and newly qualified teachers and has supported new staff at LHS for a number of years and now her skills will impact other schools in Hertfordshire.

James Roach
Headteacher @HeadLHS



Parents' Evenings for Children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5.

These are being held next week. Please see the email sent on 26 January regarding booking your appointment online. The office staff are happy to help you if necessary.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 February
Nursery application system opens.
W/c 6 February
Year 1, 3, 4 & Parent consultations.
Tuesday 7 February
Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics—Watford Girls.
W/c 13 February
Half term holiday.
Monday 20 February
Staff training—no school.

Christmas Postage Stamp Design Competition

There's still time to bring in your entry for this competition. Don't forget to use lots of colour and fill the whole space on your entry form.



Royal Mail

Attendance

Congratulations to Yew & Hazel classes who have both won the excellent attendance shield over the last two weeks. Hazel have won the shield six times already since September. A fantastic achievement—there's still time to catch them!



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Treating Head-lice Infestations

We have had a few cases of head lice recently. One of our mum's recommends Vosene Kids 3 in 1 conditioning shampoo. It has added natural ingredients Tea Tree Oil and Lemon Eucalyptus that work to help prevent head lice. If your child is prone to headlice it might be worth a try! No guarantees!

Did you know you can also use pure Tea Tree Oil to treat cases of head lice.
Purchase pure tea tree oil.
Purchase a lice comb.
Make a tea tree oil solution with shampoo.
Work the shampoo mixture into the hair.
Work the shampoo into a lather and rinse.
Apply conditioner to the hair.
Use a lice comb to comb through the hair.

Ever wondered how to prevent your child from losing their gloves? Here's an idea! Buy a length of elastic and sew either end to one of your child's gloves. You can then thread them through the arms of your child's coat. No more lost gloves!



Health for Kids!

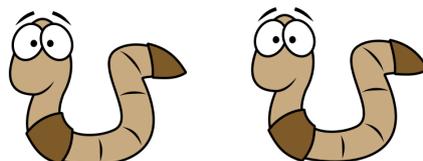
Two new health websites designed to engage and benefit children and young people across Hertfordshire are now live. Health for Teens and Health for Kids, deliver topical health messages and advice through interactive tools and creative marketing materials. By covering subjects that promote health and wellbeing, the aim is to educate and help young people to make the right choices.

To see the Hertfordshire Health for Kids website – aimed at those aged 4 to 11 – visit www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire.

To see the Hertfordshire Health for Teens website – aimed at those aged 11 to 19 – visit www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire.

Year 2 Challenge Cup

Cameron, Nathaniel, Kashmala and Laura from Year 2 took part in a Challenge Cup yesterday. "We went on the computer and played a worm game. We had to go outside and make a worm hotel with a bottle and plastic. It was the best thing ever! Then we had to put black plastic around it because the worms like the dark. We put leaves, cucumber and carrots in for food and soil. We put our worm house sideways so that the worms had more room to wiggle. Ours was the winner!" Nathaniel—Year2



Author Visit

On Monday the author E R Reilly visited us and told us about his books. He did a lot of acting and he also got the teachers to take part. We had to research him before his visit and write questions on post-it notes to ask. Most of the questions had really weird inspirational answers, for example one of his stories is about a class trip where a boy was left behind in a different country. E R Reilly wrote this story because when he was a boy on a class trip and returned from France a parent asked "where is my child" and he had been left in France! He also told us about another story he had written called 'Rashnu' about a boy who had the most money a boy could have. He said that all of the girls would want to kiss the boy and he pretended to kiss someone. It was really, really funny and we all laughed a lot. He also came back yesterday to sign some books for us.
Amelia – Year 5

Please support the Council's holiday play activities...

Watford Borough Council are planning an exciting new programme of activities and things to do for young people aged 5 to 15 during the Easter and summer holidays – starting from this year.

They already have some great ideas but need your help as they want to make sure they organise what the young people of Watford really want. They are asking everyone to do this by taking part in their survey www.watford.gov.uk/freeactivities. If you could please spare a couple of minutes to do so, they would be very grateful.

After the survey deadline on 31 January, they will be rolling the activities out to locations across the borough from this year.



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